

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A printing system having at least one printer,
comprising:

a document supervisory client configured to generate print condition settings, the print condition settings including a first setting including first information and a second setting including second information; and

a document supervisory server configured to control printing based upon a printing request from the document supervisory client in accordance with the first and second print condition settings,

wherein said document supervisory client is configured to make a query to the document supervisory server via a network inquiring whether the first and second print condition settings are permissible, in combination, in a printer, and said document supervisory server is further configured to return advisability of the first and second print condition settings to the document supervisory client,

said document supervisory server is configured to change ~~a combination of the print condition settings~~ one of the first and second settings to a third setting including third information and to send the third setting and an unchanged one of the first and second a ~~permissible combination including one set of changed print condition~~ settings to the document supervisory client upon determining that the ~~print condition~~ first and second settings are impermissible in combination with each other, and the document supervisory server is further configured to determine which of the ~~print condition~~ first and second settings

to change based on a priority order previously stored in the ~~second computer~~ supervisory server,

said document supervisory client is configured to generate a user interface based on ~~the one set of changed print condition settings~~ the third setting and the unchanged one of the first and second settings, and the user interface displays print conditions that are impermissible with a visual indication that identifies the print conditions as impermissible, [[and]]

~~the combination of the print condition~~ one of the first and second settings changed by said document supervisory server is a ~~combination of print condition settings~~ setting that [[were]] was set by the document supervisory client, and

the first, second, and third information each specify at least one of a function of the at least one printer or a characteristic of a medium on which the printer operates.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A printing system comprising:

at least one printer connected to a network;

a first computer including a document supervisory client configured to generate print condition settings, the print condition settings including a first setting including first information and a second setting including second information and to make a query to a document supervisory server via the network inquiring whether the ~~print condition~~ first and second settings are permissible, in combination, in one of said at least one printer;

a second computer including a document supervisory server configured to perform printing based upon a printing request from the document supervisory client in accordance with the print condition settings and to return advisability of the ~~print condition~~ first and

second settings, in combination, to the document supervisory client and to change a ~~combination of the print condition settings~~ one of the first and second settings to a third setting including third information and send the third setting and an unchanged one of the first and second a ~~permissible combination including a changed set of print condition settings~~ to the document supervisory client upon determining the ~~print condition~~ first and second settings are impermissible in combination with each other, the document supervisory server is further configured to determine which of the ~~print condition~~ first and second settings to change based on a priority order previously stored in the second computer, wherein

said document supervisory client generates a user interface based on ~~the changed set of print condition settings~~ the third setting and the unchanged one of the first and second settings, and the user interface displays print conditions that are impermissible with a visual indication that identifies the print conditions as impermissible, ~~[[and]]~~

the ~~combination of the print condition~~ one of the first and second settings changed by said document supervisory server is a ~~combination of print condition settings~~ setting that ~~[[were]]~~ was set by the document supervisory client, and

the first, second, and third information each specify at least one of a function of the at least one printer or a characteristic of a medium on which the printer operates.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The printing system according to claim 2, wherein said document supervisory server sends initial setting values with applicable character strings and graphs each representing print condition settings to the document supervisory client, and said document supervisory client generates a user interface configured to allow print condition settings based upon the setting values, character strings, and graphs.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The printing system according to claim 4, wherein said document supervisory server sends initial setting values with applicable character strings and graphs each representing print condition settings to the document supervisory client, and said document supervisory client generates a user interface configured to allow print condition settings based upon the setting values, character strings, and graphs.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The printing system according to claim 4, wherein, said document supervisory client is configured to send an ID which uniquely identifies a document stored in a database in a document supervisory server, and said document supervisory server obtains an applicable document corresponding to the ID and executes printing the applicable document in accordance with the print condition settings.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A printing method comprising:

generating prescribed print condition settings in a first computer, the prescribed print condition settings including a first setting including first information and a second setting including second information;

transmitting a query to a second computer via a network inquiring whether the ~~print condition~~ first and second settings are permissible, in combination with each other, in a printer connected to the network;

returning advisability of the ~~print condition~~ first and second settings from the second computer to the first computer; and performing printing in accordance with the advisability;

determining if the ~~print condition~~ first and second settings are permissible, in combination with each other, in the printer;

upon determining that the ~~print condition~~ first and second settings are not permissible, further determining, based on a priority order previously stored in the second computer, which ~~print condition~~ of the first and second settings to change;

changing, in the second computer, ~~a combination of the print condition~~ one of the first and second settings to a ~~permissible combination~~ third setting including third information when the ~~print condition~~ first and second settings are determined to be impermissible, in combination with each other; and

sending ~~the permissible combination~~ the third setting and the unchanged one of the first and second settings to the first computer,

wherein said first computer generates a user interface based on the third setting and the unchanged one of the first and second settings ~~changed print condition settings~~, and the user interface displays print conditions that are impermissible with a visual indication that identifies the print conditions as impermissible, [[and]]

~~the combination of the print condition~~ one of the first and second settings changed by the second computer is a ~~combination of print condition settings~~ setting that [[were]] was set by the first computer, and

the first, second, and third information each specify at least one of a function of the at least one printer or a characteristic of a medium on which the printer operates.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The printing method according to claim 11, further comprising:

sending all of setting values related to the printer as permissible print condition settings, applicable character strings, and graphs representing initial print condition settings to the first computer; and

generating the user interface configured to allow modification of print condition settings based upon the setting values, character strings, and graphs.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The printing method according to claim 12, further comprising:

sending an ID from the first computer to the second computer via the network, said ID uniquely identifies a document;

obtaining the document corresponding to the ID; and

executing printing the document based on the print condition settings.

Claim 14-17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The printing system according to claim 5, wherein, said document supervisory client is configured to send an ID which uniquely identifies a document stored in a database in a document supervisory server, and said document supervisory server obtains an applicable document corresponding to the ID and executes printing the applicable document in accordance with the print condition settings.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The printing system according to claim 7, wherein, said document supervisory client is configured to send an ID which uniquely identifies a document stored in a database in a document supervisory server, and said document

supervisory server obtains an applicable document corresponding to the ID and executes printing the applicable document in accordance with the print condition settings.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The printing system according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein the visual indication is a listing of the print condition with a strike-through marking.